Annex A

Request:

The Criminal Investigations Division recently received the following Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Request:

"Please provide an overview of how many lawyers and consultants have been referred to the CBSA for suspected violations of Section 91 of IRPA. Break out by representation type (perhaps include a third of 'unlicensed' or 'other'). Timelines: January 1, 2015 until October 22, 2020. Breakout further by years (2020 can be the balance of Jan 1 to Oct 22)."

Response:

The Criminal Investigations Division has reviewed and is providing the following statistics:

 Number of leads opened (referrals) where infraction under section 91 of the Immigration Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) was selected in the Criminal Investigations Information management System (CIIMS) as a potential suspected offence

Leads opened Suspected violations of S. 91 of the IRPA	
Jan. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2015	112
Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016	205
Jan. 1, 2017, to Dec. 31, 2017	112
Jan. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018	168
Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019	291
Jan. 1, 2020, to Oct. 22, 2020	222

Caveat:

It is important to note that the system does not have the capability to produce reports based on whether the entity suspected to be involved was a lawyer, authorized consultant or person acting as an unauthorized consultant. Therefore, Criminal Investigations Division is unable to provide this information in response.